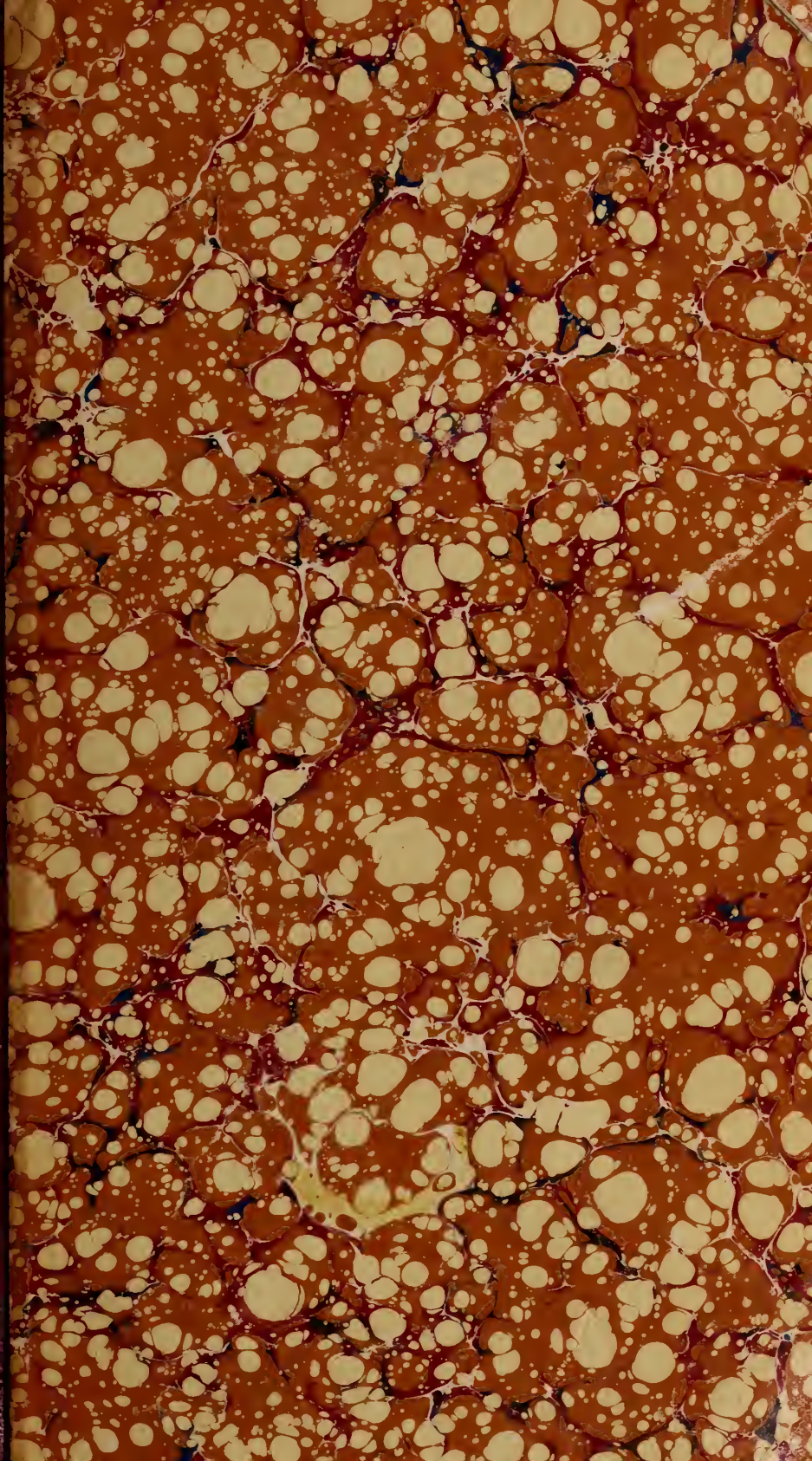

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All eyes are turned now to Mexico, and the church at home watches with keenest anxiety for tidings of our missionaries there. In a chronicle which appears but once a month nothing but the most general outline of information to date can be given. Long ere our readers see this paragraph conditions may be radically changed. During August, in the absence for various reasons of the other secretaries, Dr. Arthur J. Brown alone represented the Board in its communications with the field, but no anxiety was felt about the wisdom of decisions at the home end with his skilled hand on the wireless! Up to this writing, September fourth, telegrams from the field have announced the force all safe and most reluctant to leave unless absolutely ordered to do so. Those in disturbed districts have concentrated in Mexico City. It is a serious matter to interrupt established work, close schools, lose prestige and possibly property by not being on the ground. The Secretary of State was consulted and a conference was held by the members of our Board who were within reach with representatives of the Methodist, Episcopal and American Boards and the Bible Society. Our missionaries have been directed to keep in close touch with our Embassy and with missionaries of other Boards; to safeguard the women and children, sending them to the United States, if thought best, till quieter times; and beyond this the decision must be left to the judgment and discretion of the Executive Committee of the mission. The Board feels that these trusted representatives should feel free to be guided by circumstances as they arise and reminds the Church that the missionaries are exceptional men and women, who know the language and the people, are on friendly terms with the communities in which they live and capable of forming wise judgment.

We are especially fortunate in being able to give our readers this month a careful and interesting *résumé* of the present status of our work in the Philippine Islands written by the man who is probably the most competent in the Presbyterian Church to deal with that subject. The Rev. James B. Rodgers, D.D., was the first missionary sent by our Board to open work in the new field and he began his campaign in the year when the army first occupied the Islands, 1899. Since that time he has spent much time in active work there and in earnest study of conditions and problems among the Filipinos, who have no more cordial and discriminating friend than Dr. Rodgers. After returning to this country for furlough he was appointed by the Board to act as the substitute for Secretary Stanley White during the latter's absence on a tour of inspection in India. Now that Dr. White has returned Dr. Rodgers will take a short rest before going back to his field work.

Mrs. Bandy goes back to India joyful in the possession of a new Ford car which will replace ox-cart and bicycle on the hot, sunny miles of the India roads. Everywhere she has been Mrs. Bandy has asked her friends, instead of giving her a book or a souvenir spoon, to add a little to her motor fund. By dollars and half-dollars the total has grown, here and there a substantial check has been added, the last of these went to pay the freight on the car which, through the influence of a friend

of missions in the motor business—missions have friends in all lines of business nowadays—was obtained at a good discount. The fund allowed the purchase of extra tires and supplies; Mr. Bandy has taken lessons and obtained a license as a skilled *chauffeur;* the Industrial School at Fatehgarh does expert repairing, so the way seems open for years of usefulness for the new car. We rejoice to know that the proud owners had the pleasure of making a little tour in it before it sailed ahead of them from this country, and we wish for them that, as they carry the Good News through India, all their journeys may be "joy rides."

We once heard a distinguished clergyman allude to the devotional service which preceded his sermon as "the preliminary exercises." Are there members of our church auxiliaries who feel that appropriate Scripture and prayer and devotional singing are merely "preliminary" to the business and programme of the assembly? Perhaps there are, and if so we hope they will read Miss Provine's article in our Home Department this month.

It is always interesting to see ourselves as others see us and especially so when they view us with sympathetic and appreciative eyes. So it was with deep attention that the Editor heard on shipboard the comments on Presbyterian mission work in Korea of Mr. James W. Kinnear, a prominent Methodist of Pittsburgh, Pa., and a member of the body of Christian laymen who have been visiting the different mission fields in connection with the great Sunday-school Convention at Zurich. Mr. Kinnear, an observer of unusual intelligence, was so impressed with the apostolic fervor of our missionaries and of the Korean Christians that he pronounced the church in that country the most convincing proof of the efficacy of Christian missions that the world had ever seen. He was especially interested at Syen Chyun, and the statistics lately received by the Board from that station are indeed notable when we recall the adverse circumstances under which the work has been carried on during the past year. In 1912 there were 9,698 communicants, there are now 11,021, a gain of 1,323. The enrolment in Bible classes shows progress from 8,918 to 10,400, and ten have been added to the number of churches. Of the girls' academy it is reported that "the enrolment is limited chiefly by the limited quarters." On the increase in membership Dr. Sharrocks pungently comments: "The fellow who thinks he wants to be a Christian these days does not take as long to make up his mind about the matter. He either sticks or drops out!"

Four of the six graduating this spring from the Women's Bible Institute at Tsining, China, are equipped to do the work of Biblewomen if only the money for their support were available. Mrs. T. N. Thompson, who is in charge of the Institute, says it is much overcrowded but that that does not deter the women from coming. She reports the demand for Biblewomen as far exceeding the supply and says that all woman's work has taken a great stride forward with the coming of the new Republic.

When the body of the Roman Catholic Archbishop of Guatemala was lying in state last April, hundreds of poor, ignorant people filed past, each one taking off a string of beads to lay for a moment on the body. This was to sanctify the rosary and give efficacy to the prayers said upon it. One poor old woman could not reach the casket, but was consoled for her disappointment by laying her beads on those of a friend to receive a share of their sanctity. And yet there are people who think missions are not needed in a Roman Catholic country.

The youngest native teacher at the Phraner Memorial School at Chieng Mai is a grandson of one of the two historic "Laos martyrs."

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The Year's Doings in the Philippine Mission

THE political horizon of the Philippine Islands has been somewhat overcast during the past year. The introduction of the Jones Bill, the election of the new President, the change in the dominating political party, plus a good deal of imagination on the part of Filipinos and Americans alike, have led to all sorts of rumors of change and upheaval in the political status of the Islands. Probably some of the hopes are doomed to disappointment. But it may be in the providence of God that the time had come not only for a change in the homeland, but also for new visions and new methods in the Islands. The people have been dealers in futures during the past months. The hopes and aspirations of generations may be founded on real fact and may be but the vague and weird thought of untutored minds; but nevertheless there is progress in the political thought of the day which will probably be followed by changes more or less progressive in the enactment of laws. This is no place to discuss the value of the Filipinos' desires. It behooves both the Americans who direct things in the Islands, and the Filipinos who are associated with them, to pray God that they be saved from foolish utterances and be given wisdom to solve their most difficult problems.

Naturally, political excitement, however much suppressed, forms a poor basis for a continued religious progress, not that the aims of politics and religion are necessarily so far different, but that the people, preoccupied with the first, have but little thought for the second; hence it has been difficult to make very much advance in the direct preaching of the Gospel. Great advance, however, is seen in the fact that the ideals of the people are becoming higher and truer, a fact which is due, in some measure at least, to the influence of our missions. One writing from the southern Islands says: "Talk of independence is in the air and it has so permeated all the thought of the people that it has been very difficult to fix their minds on the definite work of the Gospel." Still this is not entirely unwise, for woe be unto a people that has no aspirations and ideals and does not strive for what it thinks are better things.

The scope and plans of the evangelical union and all union work in general have increased during this past year. It is true that some of the plans upon which the missions have been at work, notably that for a union Protestant College, have been temporarily put to one side. The project of union or later that of federation between the various American congregations in the city of Manila has not been successfully carried through. Nevertheless these have been questions of method rather than of spirit, and the dropping of these projects has not been due to any lack of harmony among the various forces, but to conditions and to reasons that would have availed quite as much if one society alone had undertaken them. Plans are now being formed looking forward to the gradual merging of all the Filipino congregations into one body.

The most noteworthy union effort

during this past year was the organization and carrying out of the special meetings held under the direction of Messrs. Smith and Robbins, representatives of the Men and Religion Movement. The city of Manila and the summer capital at Baguio were really thoroughly gripped by the message of these two servants of God. The Filipinos and Chinese, as well as the English-speaking people, had their hearts stirred by visions of greater social service.

Absence from the field during the past year has caused the writer to lose sight of many of the details of the work of the Presbyterian Mission. The year has been a prosperous one. Death has not visited our ranks. We have been called upon very regretfully to accept the resignation of Rev. and Mrs. Edward I. Campbell, who were compelled to retire because of the health of their little one. But we have also been greatly blessed by the good cheer brought to us by the new workers who went out in the fall of 1912 and by the promise of the workers who went out last month (September).

Those who heard the Rev. Frederick Jansen pleading for the new buildings at Cebu will be glad to know that they are progressing merrily. Just as a hint of what is doing we show the Bradford Memorial Chapel, given by loving hearts to keep alive the memory of Mrs. Matilda R. L. Bradford, formerly a member of the Fifth Avenue Church, New York. Sharp eyes may discern in the right-hand corner two of the many Silliman boys at work on these new buildings.

WORK IN TAGALOG DISTRICT

Five of the students who are graduates of our Union Seminary and who are working under the direction of the Presbytery of Manila have been ordained to the Gospel ministry. One of these, Mr. Simon Ygaloria, was sent as the first foreign missionary of the evangelical church in the islands to the Hawaiian Islands at the request of the Hawaiian Board of Missions, who wished some one to preach to the Filipinos, who were going there in large numbers to work on the sugar plantations. He is a young man of rare spirit and of great devotion to the service of the Master. Having lived in many parts of the islands he speaks, besides excellent English and Spanish, his own tongue, which is Tagalog, and four other of the dialects, thus being well fitted to meet the needs of his new field. During the summer—in June—Guillermo Abella was ordained and installed as pastor in the church of San Pueblo. The other men act as evangelists and itinerating preachers, covering special sections of the country, Batangas and Tayabas. The mission looks for great increase of activity and efficiency through the coming forward of these splendid young fellows.

The seminary has about fifty students, of whom perhaps seventeen or eighteen are from our Presbyterian district. The Baptists have joined the Federation this year and probably sent some of their students.

The Iloilo Station is rejoicing in the erection of the additions to the Union Mission Hospital.

The Albay Station is planning with the coming of Dr. Robt. W. Carter to erect a small hospital in the city of Albay.

The work in the three Bicol provinces is being pushed with renewed vigor.

The Eastern Visayan group of stations, in fact the whole mission, have rejoiced greatly in the erection of the new buildings in Cebu. These include two dormitories, one for the young men and one for the young women in attendance upon the high school in the city of Cebu. Our missionary, Rev. George W. Dunlap, has acquired a great hold upon the student population of that district, through his ability as a baseball player and coach. The beautiful Bradford Memorial Church, erected in memory of Mrs. Matilda Bradford, fills a long-felt want, for although Cebu is the second city in the archipelago, our mission had no property representation in it. It was almost a blessing to have the old chapel, which had served so well during the initial years of the campaign in Cebu, flattened out of existence by the terrific typhoons of last fall. Two residences have also been erected for the missionaries in Cebu.

Across the narrow channel in the Island of Bohol a beautiful little hospital has been erected. Our missionary in charge will have the pleasure of welcoming Miss Margaret M. Barnett, a trained nurse, who will join the station this fall.

The work in Silliman Institute and the Dumaguete Station has prospered beyond all measure. It has prospered so much that accommodations for the school and the strength of the faculty have been well nigh exhausted. Earnest request is made that somebody whom God has prospered put himself into the work of helping the lives of these six hundred or more young men who have come to study, by erecting one or two buildings to serve as dormitories and classrooms. The positive Christian characters, the active evangelistic spirit, the loyalty to ideals of this institution have lessened not at all, and its influence has increased in all the surrounding country. The influence of its students who have gone back to the North Mindanao coast has resulted in the springing up of a number of congregations in the territory wherein work is to be taken up by the American Board. But as they have been unable to send a force sufficient to care for it, our Presbyterian Mission is sending its evangelistic missionaries into this territory in order properly to shepherd these people, who are longing for a better knowledge of the things of God.

This is seemingly a mere skeleton account of the work of the mission during this past year. Would that there were time and one had the pen able to clothe these dry bones with the living force that really surrounds them and makes them beautiful in the eyes of all who read. Wholesale general descriptions of Christian work cannot do justice to its real light, and stories of individual men do not show the force and weight and onward push of the movement which our church is carrying on.

(*Rev. Dr.*) *James B. Rodgers.*

LESS OR MORE?

The man who seeks for treasure
Will grudge not toil or pain;
Shall we give less to Jesus
Than we would give to gain?

Who cares for helpless children
Must wise and tireless prove:
Shall we do less for Jesus
Than we would do for love?

We send, to be a soldier,
The choicest of the band;
Shall we spare less for Jesus
Than for our native land?

When hearts are overflowing
With praises to His name,
We shall do *more* for Jesus
Than for an earthly claim.

Anna Stevens Reed.

The Entrance of the Word at Laguna

Last August completed six years lacking two months of our residence here. They have passed quickly, though we are eagerly anticipating the joy of meeting with friends at home. We have had the privilege of seeing the onward moving of the Kingdom of God among these people, the constantly increasing power and influence of the Gospel, and the churches becoming strong centers of evangelical light. During ten days of last January we held in Pagsanjan the annual class, or conference of workers from the various churches connected with Laguna Station. In many ways it was the very best class we have had, and it is a satisfaction to know that the last of the six held during our work here did reach the high-water mark in point of attendance, in spiritual zeal, and in intelligent purpose, as well as in the superior class of delegates in attendance. One feature tending to create the real convention spirit was the mottoes and texts about the walls of the church, in large letters on canvas, an announcement on the outside of the church of the evangelistic services every night with an invitation to all to attend, together with a map on a large scale showing the station field and giving the population of the province, 153,000; the towns where we have congregations lettered in red, those without the Gospel being marked in black, and the number of *barrios*, or suburbs, in each municipality. This map hung in full view of the audience throughout the class, and one evening I made use of it to bring before those present the exact situation in the province, the towns occupied, the towns unoccupied, and the opportunities on every hand to evangelize the province. One of the mottoes on the wall was "Laguna for Christ and Christ for Laguna," which was made the motto for the year; another, appropriate to accompany the last, and furnishing its Biblical reference, hung on the opposite wall: "There remaineth yet very much land to be possessed."

We were favored by the presence of several visitors from the States during the class. Mr. Fred Butler, the Gospel singer, and his wife, had stopped off for a month in the islands, and came up from Manila. In an afternoon meeting Mr. Butler sang "Just When I Need Him Most," in English. The meeting adjourned at five o'clock, and before the evening service Miss Bartholomew, of our Girls' Training School in Manila, and one of our evangelists, Mr. Guillermo Abella, had translated the hymn into Tagalog, forty or fifty copies were run off on the typewriter, and the people had a brand new Tagalog hymn. Mr. Butler sang it in this language at the evening meeting, first as a solo, and then taught the Filipino audience, so that they were finally singing it with the greatest enthusiasm.

The enthusiasm in home missions ran so high at this class that they decided to do something definite. One man, upon whose heart had been laid the feeling of responsibility in this work, took it upon himself to send word to every church previous to the class, asking them to send delegates to discuss the matter. When they came together, after considering the subject fully, their practically unanimous decision was to endeavor to raise among the churches enough money to employ an evangelist as their representative to work in the unoccupied towns of Laguna, both by way of assistance to the foreign missionaries and out of their intense desire to see the Gospel carried to their fellow countrymen.

Looking at the material conditions in the province, we find evidences of advancing prosperity. The provincial government has been energetic in improving the roads, making travel much more endurable. The railroad is pushing its way into the various sections, providing facilities for more rapid tra-

vel, and solving the problem of transportation of products to market. New centers of trade are springing up and old ones are being abandoned, towns are being made and unmade. It is good to see the progress made in the better housing of the public schools. In a dozen or more towns substantial buildings have been erected, with creditable pretensions to architectural appearance, and arranged to accomplish the purpose for which they were built. Whatever makes for the success of the public schools opens new opportunities for mission effort and makes easier the work.

San Pablo has been the scene of a notable defection from the Roman Catholic Church in the past year. Bishop Petrolli, of this diocese, had decided to place a friar in San Pablo. When the people heard of it, they did not wait to expostulate with the Bishop, but left the church in a body, about two-thirds of the membership, and promptly organized an Aglipayano church. When the Bishop, arriving for a conference with the recalcitrants, came to a point outside the town, it was impossible to procure a band of music and a sufficient number of loyal Catholics to form the usual procession for escorting him with pomp and ceremony into the city. The friar was not sent there, but the Aglipayanos hold on their way in this, the hitherto strongest Roman Catholic center in the province.

The chapel completed last year by the church in Pangil was dedicated in December, with services that have come to be the established form in Laguna on such occasions; a procession through the streets of the town, carrying banners with texts of Scripture, accompanied by a band of music, with stops at intervals along the way for brief addresses by the evangelists and pastor, and finally the dedicatory service in the chapel.

Hopeful work has developed at the College of Agriculture, located at Los Baños. Two students, formerly members of Mr. Doltz's Sunday-school class in Iloilo, started a class there. I went over at their request one Sunday and had a most delightful day with the boys. An odd fact is that the surnames of these two students are respectively, Hierro and Oro ("Iron" and "Gold"); they have been chums and roommates for a number of years. They are the backbone of this work, and seem to have the strength of Iron and the purity of Gold. It was a great pleasure to meet the young men of this Bible class, thirty in number, as they came with their Bibles and hymn-books and sat about the long table in their messroom, and then in an hour's service to speak to them on the Book of books. They listened with eager and fixed attention. These agricultural and forestry students are a body of fine, manly fellows, not afraid of work, and pur-

MANILA DURING THE RAINY SEASON
Photo. sent by Mrs. Fred Jansen.

suing their course with a seriousness born of a high ambition. One of the faculty was present at our service, and at the close publicly expressed his gratification at the work the boys had started, cordially inviting me to help them in any way possible, to come again and arrange for others to come. Now here is a most promising opportunity, a door opened of God, a work spontaneous in its origin and capable of wonderful possibilities if utilized. It must be gratifying to Mr. Doltz to see his Sunday-school and dormitory work in Iloilo bearing such fruit. A remarkable thing about this work is that the two men who started it have not yet been baptized as Protestants, or united with any church. The Bible has simply got a hold on their lives.

(*Rev.*) *Charles R. Hamilton.*

Pagsanjan, Laguna, P. I.

Holy Week in Manila

Passion week makes different impressions on different people. Doubtless even the careless give a passing thought to its meaning and the mighty events at the heart of Christianity which it commemorates.

To some here in Manila it means mainly a four days' holiday, a lark to the irresponsible, a serious interruption in routine to the anxious money-makers. To others it means a special period of rest and meditation and worship, a little apart from the other days of the year. To the bulk of the population, Roman Catholic Filipinos, it means the great fiesta of the year with processions of "Eremites and friars, white, black, and gray, with all their trumpery." Milton's pen could have done it justice.

PENITENTE BEING MARKED WITH THE PADDLE CONTAINING SPLINTERS OF GLASS.
Photo. sent by Rev. W. B. Cooke.

One or two public incidents must suffice. First, the *flagellantes.* We had heard that here and there the practice of self-inflicted torture by flogging is kept up. On inquiry we learned that it might be witnessed near La Loma church on Thursday or Friday morning. A little party including four 'round-the-world visitors from near Philadelphia, drove over to the northern edge of the city, through the parked grounds of Cemetario del Norte to La Loma. Its heavy stone walls are said to have sheltered fighters as well as worshipers. The sky was overcast and the face of the country brown and bleak like November. We see a group of people and make our way toward them along the path which winds by the side of the brook. What are these dozen people watching? Ah, that figure lying prone in the path. Has he fainted? No, as we draw nearer he slowly rises to his feet. A black bag is drawn down over his head, his brown body is bare to the waist, trousers fall to the knees and his feet are bare. In his hand he carries the flog, a bamboo handle half a yard long with some seven cords each ending in a six-inch bamboo stick. With his right hand he deliberately whips the flog over his left shoulder, bringing the sticks down firmly but not violently on his inflamed and bleeding back. Then slowly with his left hand. Two red and angry six-inch circles under each shoulder-blade show where the flog hits. With every stroke he steps forward a pace. After some ten ceremonial paces he falls to his knees. A moment's pause, as in prayer, and another Filipino in ordinary dress who

walks beside him steps behind him, lifts his foot, and with it pushes him forward on his face along the path. Then standing beside him again the helper bends down and gently whips the prostrate back with a handful of twigs, steps on his hips to the other side and whips him again with the twigs or with a strap. In a moment the victim arises, takes some ten paces and ten strokes along the path and sinks. All is in silence, slowly, ceremonially. So along the uneven path for two hundred yards until it meets the stream again, the two make their painful way. The blood does not run profusely but the sight of raw flesh makes one faint.

PENITENTE WITH CROWN OF THORNS
Photo. sent by Rev. W. B. Cooke.

Back of this tragic, self-made martyr is the only other one this morning. Tomorrow, they tell us, there will be more. Number two unintentionally furnishes the element of comedy. He is bound, hand and foot, and must wriggle along the path. It is degrading, humiliating, but cannot hurt him much, and his contortions remind us of a measuring worm. We do not wait to see him finish his wriggling way.

The first fellow has come to the water and the end of his *via dolorosa*. He takes off his cap, steps waist-deep into a pool, and a friend pours buckets of water over him. He is not faint and we see that his back is not badly hurt, though pricked in a dozen places. We interview his helper who has a paddle in his hand. This paddle has a cake of wax attached to the end and stuck edgewise in the wax are seven splinters of thick glass. With this the helper patted the victim under each shoulder-blade, cutting the skin and starting the blood at the beginning of the journey. The helper explained that his friend was not a lawbreaker but had offended against heaven.

We drove home with a sense of sadness and of relief. How futile and mistaken and insufficient it all was. But how real and significant was the suffering of the first passion week, that suffering which is not to be repeated but appropriated, sufficient for the sin of the whole world.

On Friday afternoon we visited six or eight of the Manila churches, going from one to another with only a few minutes in each. The altars draped in black, the kneeling worshipers, the solemn music, the throngs outside preparing to carry great figures of the dead Christ and of the "Queen of Heaven" in procession, and then when darkness fell the candle-lighted processions through the crowded streets of the old city with the bands' weird music breaking the respectful silence,—we trust that the appeal of it all was not wholly outward but sank through eye and ear to heart and conscience. We pray that lives were made holy in Holy Week.

(Rev.) William B. Cooke,
Pastor First Presbyterian Church.

We are simply overjoyed at the prospect of really getting our building, and I am glad that the appropriation came through my own Board. We have not heard anything about the two thousand five hundred for equipment, but I hope we shall get good news about that too. Mr. Gunn says we probably can move into it during the Christmas vacation. Now that Miss Hannan has come we will begin our eight months year, and close in February.

I am getting over the effects of a four or five weeks' illness, and am not very energetic yet. I have spent about two-thirds of the time since last December, itinerating in the provinces, with a Filipino pastor and two girls from school, for the children and the music. We visited a great many of the congregations, spending a day or two at a place, and holding a three-days' class in the centers. This was in place of the usual Bible Institutes in each province. Miss Hodge is at Baguio and Miss Hannan has just returned. We are delighted with them both, and with two of our graduates to add to the faculty, the school opens with more promise than ever before.

MANILA. *(Miss) Clyde Bartholomew,*

ELLINWOOD SCHOOL FOR GIRLS, MANILA, DECEMBER, 1912

Three graduates in center of front row. Teachers in back row, left to right: Miss Rodenberg, Miss Bartholomew, Mrs. Lamb, Mrs. Gunn, Miss Hodge. Photograph taken in front of the leafy piazza of the school. Sent by Rev. W. B. Cooke.

Cheerful Workers on Luzon

We have been here in Albay Province for almost ten years and we are seeing now a little of the fruit of your and our labors for His Kingdom.

My husband had charge of three provinces—Camarines, Albay and Sorsogon—for a period of six years. Now he has only Albay and Sorsogon. Mr. MacDonald and his wife have charge of Camarines. In the days of the three provinces it meant a pastorate of 800,000 or more. Now it means something like 500,000. But the care of Sorsogon is no luxury, as it must be done from here. We do need a man there. It means hard traveling and also leaving the people a great deal to their own and God's care. The instruction given them by Mr. Brown is inadequate as he can leave his field so little during the year. It takes fully a month to go through the towns where we have work, traveling on foot, wading streams, native food and native floors for beds and many things that you would not understand but which all go in "the day's work."

In this province we have five organized congregations and three places where there are believers. There are four churches built. The last is a very nice one. It really looks quite churchified and boasts a small steeple. Every town should have a municipal cemetery according to the law, but the priest has such control in some of these out-of-the-way places that whatever he says is law with the people regardless of the Government. A Protestant whom we knew died; when his friends wanted to bury him, because of his Protestant faith, the padre forbids the use of the burial ground of his church, as that is sacred ground and can not be polluted with Protestant bones. The place being several days' journey from telegraphic communication with Manila the permission of the Government is slow in coming and the dead body becomes a menace to the town. The padre now turns and because there is no municipal cemetery in the town, tells the people that the Government does not want to help them. And some of the foolish, ignorant people turn back to their old faith or superstition. In this way we have lost a few in these towns.

In Albay we have seven regular con-

gregations and three others not thoroughly organized. Six churches are built and two in the building. Albay and Legaspi and all the surrounding small towns or *barrios* as we call them, have Mr. Brown and the evangelist, Severino Perez, in charge. I really know more about the work in the congregations at Albay and Legaspi as I attend all the services here. I sometimes travel with my husband but I cannot take Barbara to a great many places as the food and water question are important ones out here and a child is safer at home.

In Albay on Sunday mornings we have Sunday-school at eight o'clock, with eight or ten classes. Three of these are in English. One is in pure English, as it is composed of the little American children, four of them being negroes. Dr. Carter has a class of the English-speaking young men and women. At one time he had as many as twenty-five in his class but the number is not always so large because the padre makes it a point to instruct the young men at that hour or else he makes his sermon so long that they do not have time to come over to the little chapel. My class in English is composed of the children in the third or fourth grades, and how they do like it! The other classes are taken by men and women whom Mr. Brown meets in a teachers' class on Saturday afternoons. It is surely a buzz in that small chapel.

In the afternoon we have an English service when Mr. Brown is able to be here. It is a joy to all of us who attend and we are sure that the ones who find pleasure at the club or other things at that hour are the losers. Last Sunday night, just as Mr. Brown had finished his sermon and we were all in readiness to listen to Mr. Fickes, the principal of the High School, sing—he has a beautiful voice and we all love to hear him—a procession came swinging around the corner below the chapel, the participants singing at the tops of their voices. We could not have heard a word of our soloist, so we as a con-

THE THREE FIRST GRADUATES OF THE ELLINWOOD SCHOOL

gregation sang and sang, and then sang some more until the procession had passed, and then just as Mr. Fickes was ready to sing—even had his mouth open—the church bells began to ring and you who haven't heard them cannot know the volume of noise they make. We then sang again! At last in the quiet hush Mr. Fickes sang "Where will you spend eternity?"

We sent up to the Ellinwood School recently a young girl, daughter of Señor Moralde in Polangui. Oh, how we hope she will do well! She has been immensely helpful even without her education and we hope for great things with a little training. She has a good mind, loves music after her fashion. They may change a few of her ideas and we hope they will. She is as good a preacher as her father both in time and words. Dolores Maravillas, who was up there several pears ago, has been very helpful to us since.

At last the medical work has begun. Dr. and Mrs. Carter came to us in April, and are settled for the present in our Legaspi house while we are in Albay. We gave up our house because it was a big one and they can manage a dispensary for the present. But oh, we want land so badly for a hospital! We have money for the hospital but land is so hard to buy. As soon as the

padre finds we are looking at a piece, even cross-eyed, he makes the owner see that it would not be feasible to sell. All the buying must be done by a third party and that makes it slow work. Dr. and Mrs. Carter are already deep in the hearts of both the white and brown people. The doctor has all he can do in the medical line. He is a busy man, as he must spend some time learning the language. He goes up country two or three times a week and is always busy every minute of his time, as the people have gathered and are ready for his skill. Often Mr. Brown goes with him. During a recent trip their interpreter told the people, "You see these people are Christians even if they are Americans!"

We can not do much in this wee bit of a house in the social line. We can hardly squeeze in ourselves but we have managed that. There is the usual life where there are a lot of Americans as far as teas, receptions and such things go. Plenty of calls to make and receive. Every morning Barbara and I have school together. Missionary's socks get big holes and somehow we cannot throw away the old clothes. It is quite a science to watch the pocket-book. Even though one fills it with money, lays it carefully on the desk and sits and watches it, when one needs more money there is none there and where did it vanish? Missionary stomachs get empty too. Sometimes the stove smokes and the boys leave because of a sudden death in their family. It always occurs after you have paid them some money. Our friends die but once, theirs have the lives of a cat.

This is but a wee bit of what is doing and what must be done, but we trust in His good time the provinces of Albay and Sorsogon may sound His Name afar.

(*Mrs. Roy H.*) *Nellie McA. P. Brown.*

Legaspi, Luzon.

Thinking Black, by Dan Crawford, F.R.G.S., $2.00 net. With illustrations. Geo. H. Doran Company.

[Twenty-three years ago a young missionary was sent out by the London Missionary Society to work in the regions opened up by the explorations of David Livingstone. During these years the young missionary has grown older but he has not been seen in England, as he has never taken a furlough. He has come back now, bronzed and worn, but those who have seen him tell us that, like Livingstone, he has kept the refinement and gentleness of a gentleman. So thoroughly did he enter into the mental and spiritual life of the people whom he went to help that his book about them is appropriately named *Thinking Black*. Mr. Hunter's review unfortunately reached us too late for use in our August Book Number, but we make room for it in this issue, as we are sure many of our readers will like to hear of this notable book.—Editor.]

Thinking Black is a book that gives one an intimate insight into the heart of the African as well as Africa. "I am glad I went to school with the negro in his own town," says the author, who for twenty-three years has been a Wesleyan missionary in the interior, a thousand miles from civilization. During that time he has not bothered with furloughs, but has been getting the viewpoint of the African, — has been "thinking black." "Only by stooping can you wriggle into both Africa the land and Africa the man." He tells us of a man "who will never really be in Africa because Africa never really gets into him," but he himself is not of that type.

Dan Crawford is evidently an unconventional missionary who finds no great hardship in privation. Sedate station-life probably would not appeal to him, for he seems to be a pioneer, occupying part of the territory that Livingstone wanted to explore—"by calling a missionary, by necessity everything." He is picturesque and fresh in his language, and graphic in his descriptions when he draws the scene. One can not easily forget the caravan of carriers moving through the jungle; the horrors of the slave trade, which still exists to an almost inconceivable degree, nor the pitiable condition of the children. After this book the personality of the common African of the wilds or the local king with whom the author was so intimately associated, is much more real. We learn of the natives' "somersault ways" and find out that "the African has as soft a heart as his body is tough." The author's

knowledge of the vernacular makes us familiar with his idioms. In Bible translation, some of these are given. The Bantu expression for Acts is "Words concerning Deeds;" the Lord's Supper is the "Table of Tears" or "Feast of Memories;" Eternity is the "Lifetime of God Almighty." "All my life's whys and whens and wheres and wherefores are in God's hands" is the translation of the text: "Our times are in Thy hand." The proverbs are as quaint as the idioms, and they are scattered through the volume as garnishing. A rare vein of humor pervades the whole book, so that it is one of the most readable productions in recent missionary history. We laugh at the description of the woman who wanted to show her religious experience by dancing, explaining that it was "praise getting out at the toes." To the author this is but "prayer in the heart and prance in the feet." A hundred smiles await the reader, but back of it all one feels the call for help. The people are still those "whose hearts are the dwellings of night." The lack of conviction of sin is widespread. Truthfulness does not abound; the native's "telegraph address is not Veracity, Africa!"

Mr. Crawford has kept his vision after all these years of exile, hardship and steady work. "Just as night only blots out a world to reveal a universe, so, even so dreaming by night is a bigger business than working by day." He is planning to be in America this summer and fall, and will interest many auditors as well as readers.

Stanley A. Hunter.

I AM about my vocabulary-making as usual, only I find I must add a lot of newly-coined words. To think of it! This, the oldest written and spoken language on the earth, is growing so fast one can hardly keep pace with it. These new terms, the clothes of the new thought, must be gathered and defined. For this I must read the daily papers (also a new thing in China). "And how about the woman's paper?" you ask. You know how much interested I was in that scheme when I was in America, and felt something should be done, for the time was ripe for starting a Christian woman's paper. Did you ever have a dream of feeling much burdened to accomplish something that seemed impossible of accomplishment, and then on waking find how unnecessary was the worry —a glad surprise to find it was something which was really accomplished already? That is exactly the case with this woman's paper, for now the thing is to be, and that in the near future, and this with no work of mine. This will help the progressive young women to walk in safe paths, in the time of social upheaval sure to follow on these great political changes. I feel sure that some of you dear good women have been praying about this matter. (*Mrs. Calvin*) *A. H. Mateer.*

COMMUNION SUNDAY five hundred people gathered in the chapel at Kachek and on the outside—principally on the outside. The courtyard awning had been doubled in size, but, alas! it was good only as a sunshade. It was a pitiable sight. The people, many of whom had shivered all night from insufficient clothing, now had to huddle under the adjacent verandas to escape a wetting. The din and the scramble defeated that morning service. We tried to sing, but some followed one pitch and some another, while it rained pitchforks. Thus was our need for a chapel of adequate capacity again pathetically demonstrated.—*Hainan News Letter.*

AN OFFER OF AN ORGAN

DOES any missionary need an organ? Mrs. G. M. Hardy, 15 Bloomington St., Iowa City, Ia., writes that she has one of Mason & Hamlin make which she would be glad to contribute where it would "give comfort and pleasure." The organ has a high top, French plate glass, and brackets. Please send further inquiries to Mrs. Hardy at the above address.

CHANGES IN THE MISSIONARY FORCE

Arrivals:

At San Francisco, July 18.—Miss Margaret Faris of the Shantung Mission.
At San Francisco, July 18.—Miss Sallie Alexander of Japan.
At New York, Aug. 8.—Rev. and Mrs. Chas. M. Spining of Valparaiso, Chile.
At New York, Aug. 8.—Miss Bernice Hunting of Tripoli, Syria. Address, Indianola, Ind.
At New York, Aug. 11.—Miss Martha B. Hunter of Colombia, S. A. Address, care Dwight H. Day, 156 Fifth Ave., N. Y. City.
At San Francisco, —— ——.—Mrs. F. J. Hall of Peking, China. Address, care Wm. E. Hoffman, 411 Fidelity Bldg., Baltimore, Md.
At San Francisco, —— ——.—Rev. and Mrs. W. H. Gleysteen of China.
At Boston, Aug. 14.—Rev. Edwin Kagin of Korea. Address, Franklin, Ky.
At New York, Aug. 15.—Rev. Frank E. Field of Tsining, China. Address, Dover, Ill.
At New York, Aug. 16.—Dr. W. S. Lehman of W. Africa. Address, 611 University St., Wooster, O.
At New York, Aug. 16.—Mr. H. W. Greig of W. Africa.
At New York, Aug. 23.—Rev. and Mrs. E. M. Wilson of India.
At New York, Aug. 30.—Dr. and Mrs. Paul J. Todd of China. Address, 40 Gramercy Park, N. Y. City.

Departures:

From New York, July 25.—Rev. F. E. Hoskins, D.D., returning to Syria.
From Montreal, Aug. 2.—Rev. Dr. and Mrs. A. K. Reischauer returning to Japan.
From New York, Aug. 9.—Miss Amy G. March to join the Syria Mission.
From San Francisco, Aug. 12.—Rev. and Mrs. E. W. Koons returning to Korea.
From Vancouver, Aug. 13.—Rev. Dr. and Mrs. J. E. Williams returning to China.
From Vancouver, Aug. 13.—Mrs. J. Laurence Thurston to join the Kiangan Mission.
From New York, Aug. 16.—Rev. and Mrs. J. H. Cruickshank returning to Colombia, S. A.
From San Francisco, Aug. 16.—Mr. and Mrs. A. W. March returning to Central China.
From San Francisco, Aug. 16.—Rev. and Mrs. T. J. Preston returning to Hunan.
From San Francisco, Aug. 16.—Rev. and Mrs. E. D. Chapin to join the Hunan Mission.
From San Francisco, Aug. 16.—Miss Jessie Riker returning to Japan.
From New York, Aug. 19.—Miss Mary P. and Miss Emily N. Forman returning to India.
From New York, Aug. 23.—Miss Carrie L. Jayne to join the Brazil Mission.
From Boston, Aug. 23.—Dr. and Mrs. Ira Harris returning to Syria.
From San Francisco, Aug. 26.—Miss Elizabeth E. Sanders to join the Korea Mission.
From San Francisco, Aug. 26.—Miss Esther V. Hessel, Miss Louisa Lee, Miss Sarah L. McRobbie to join the India Mission.
From San Francisco, Aug. 26.—Miss Maud Steele, Miss Kathryn F. Stewart to join the India Mission.
From Vancouver, Aug. 27.—Miss Anna S. Doriss returning to Korea.
From New York, Aug. 27.—Rev. and Mrs. T. S. Pond returning to Venezuela.
From New York, Aug. 30.—Rev. and Mrs. C. H. Bandy returning to N. India.
From New York, Sept. 2.—Rev. Dr. and Mrs. C. A. R. Janvier; Dr. Janvier to take charge of Allahabad College, India.

Resignations:

Rev. and Mrs. E. A. Renich of An Dong, Korea. Appointed 1910.

New requirements for the missionary are always cropping up. Not a word was said to the women missionaries at the Conference, who were going to China, about the necessity of their having *earrings*. But Mrs. Geo. D. Thomson of Yeung Kong writes of her experience in that particular: "I have just had my ears pierced in order to wear earrings. At Yeang Ch'an I was once stoned because the Chinese thought I was a man and did not like to see me walking and speaking with the Chinese women. I tried suspending the earrings, but they regarded that as a masculine artifice; in fact, it is better to have one's ears bored and wear no earrings than to hang the earrings on. Dr. Niles and other missionaries who work or have worked where foreigners are little known tell me that this is a true phase of missionary work. Everything in China seems to be reduced to some sort of a system. I bought what seemed to be very pretty Chinese earrings, only to be told by my Chinese intimates that such as those were quite unsuitable. I asked why, and they said, "You are too tender to wear that kind; wait until you are thirty years old." There are at least five distinct grades in the practice of wearing earrings, and departure from rule is always a serious thing in China."

A Humming Hive at Dumaguete

GREAT is the power of the Press! The students at Silliman Institute print and circulate a little four-page monthly paper which reaches a great many in this country who are interested in the progress of that very progressive industrial school. Through the pages of *The Silliman Truth* these are kept informed of all that faculty and students are doing in scholastic, religious, athletic and industrial lines.

The thirteenth year of the school opened on June fourth; the public schools opened on June ninth. In the Philippines April is midsummer and by June the worst of the summer heat is over, so instead of closing in that month the schools are just opening. Over six hundred pupils have been received, the number of boarding pupils being greater than ever before, so that an additional house has been rented as a dormitory. Of the seven students who graduated last year four are in the University at Manila, one is studying in the United States, one is at the Government Agricultural School and one at Ellinwood Training School preparing for the ministry.

Over three hundred of the students have united with the church at Dumaguete, and during their vacations bands of these Christians have gone from place to place preaching and arousing exceptional interest among their countrymen. One of the school debates recently was upon the resolution that cockfighting should be abolished, and in an editorial paragraph the *Truth* remarks that one of the advantages of the Fourth of July games arranged by the school was that the cockpit of the town was largely deserted. All the best people of the place were attending the games, leaving only a few of those from outside the city to watch the chickens. "Cockfighting is a relic of the past and semi-civilized age and will soon be a thing of the past, even as the tournaments of the Middle Ages and the duelling of the last century have become."

The Sunday-school numbers about five hundred and would be glad to receive any 1913 quarterlies and advanced Sunday-school papers, as well as books and current magazines for the school library.

AT one house where we stopped the woman was a cranky, queer widow who was afraid we might render her house ceremonially unclean, and she was so disagreeable at first it seemed as if we must find another place. Her brother, who took us there, was most anxious that we should stay, and after he had scolded and reviled her, she gave no more trouble. She even became fond of us and wept when we left, so we can go there again if we want to. It seemed to me this time the swearing and smoking of the women was particularly obnoxious. They all admit it is wrong to swear, but they do it continually where there is not the least excuse for it.

Our little conference here was intended to be an echo of the larger one at Hamadan. It was intended for church members and teachers, the helpers from the out-stations and others who might like to attend. Mr. Jessup made an address on "Religious Movements in America," and Mr. Pittman on the "Advance of the Kingdom of God in the World"; except for these two, all the addresses were by the brethren of the church here. They took part spontaneously also, and discussed intelligently such subjects as "How to Reach non-Christians with the Gospel," "How to Reach Nominal Christians." A young Moslem in Khoy saw a Testament being torn up in a shop to wrap a parcel. He felt badly about it and bought the book himself; it proved the means of converting him and his mother.

Everyone who has anything to do with the Moslems now speaks of their great friendliness and accessibility.

TABRIZ, Persia. (*Miss*) *Grettie Y. Holliday.*

ONE of our missionaries in Persia writes: "Two of our scholars, a brother and sister, are conducting a small Sunday-school during the summer. A collection is taken up regularly. Thirteen cents the first Sunday and about twenty-five cents the second is very cheering to me, for most of those who come have never been to a Sunday-school."

QUITE a radical change has been made by our Government in the decision that all court proceedings in the Philippines should now be in English. Many of the younger generation of Filipinos have had American school training and English is now so generally spoken that the change has been made easily.

PROGRAMME AND LITERATURE FOR MISSIONARY EDUCATION IN 1913-1914

The Church Year upon which we are entering offers to Presbyterians who are interested in missionary education an unparalleled opportunity for constructive work. The union of the Educational Departments of all our Boards in the Presbyterian Department of Missionary Education makes it possible to present to the Church a unified programme.

The theme for the entire year is, "The World Crisis or the New Era in World Missions."

During the fall attention should center upon that great home missionary problem, "The Immigrant." General literature, text-books for children and two new adult books are now ready. The special theme for the Home Mission period which will culminate at Thanksgiving will be, "The New American for a New America."

The period devoted to the study of *Foreign Missions* begins early in January, 1914, and ends at Easter. The theme is, "The New Era in Foreign Missions." Four new adult text-books offer opportunity to study definite phases of this era:

The King's Business, by Mrs. Maud W. Raymond, is a study in efficiency for those women who would catch the spirit of the new era and develop the women's organizations in accord with it.

The New Era in Asia, by George Sherwood Eddy, presents the situation in the Orient as he saw it on his latest world tour. This text-book will be of a popular nature. It will be used extensively by the United Missionary Campaign.

The Emergency in China, by Rev. F. L. Hawks Pott, D.D., completed after the opening of the Chinese Parliament in March, 1913, presents the latest word on the situation in that field in which, owing to the China Campaign, Presbyterians are especially interested at this time.

Mexico To-Day, by Rev. G. B. Winton, D.D., affords a timely opportunity to study one of our nearby foreign mission fields.

A new book especially for girls in their teens is *Anne of Ava*, by Ethel D. Hubbard. This is a thrilling story of the life of Anne Hazeltine Judson. Teachers of juniors will find many helpful suggestions in *Suggestions for Junior Leaders*, by Miss Applegarth. Before January first, a quantity of special literature will be available for use in the foreign study campaign. Write for particulars to the Mission Study Secretary of your Women's Board or to the Presbyterian Department of Missionary Education, 156 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

The New China and Christian prayers! The Call went round the world and we too heard it.

At Baguio, the summer capital of these Islands, there is a wonderful place called the Amphitheatre. One speaks in whispers and is heard far up upon its topmost terrace. General Bell declares, "This place was made by the Creator. We have but discovered it."

And on the Sabbath of April 27th, there gathered here officials, clerks, teachers, tourists, soldiers; Burton Holmes, the lecturer, was there; Americans, British, Japanese, Filipinos. The terraces are banked with old-fashioned garden flowers. On the platform were the Governor General, representing the Civil Government and speaking for it; the Commanding General of the Army, representing the military and speaking too for it; several clergymen of different denominations; the Chinese Consul General, who had come up from Manila to represent his Government and behind him eighty-five of his countrymen from the Chinese colony of Baguio.

With perfect attention the audience received music, address and prayer. No two were quite alike, yet all significant and full of meaning. There were pleas for China and there was a deep plea for prayer.

The sun went down in glory falling on the hills. The Justice of the Supreme Court and the little Igorote girl went home; the Governor General and the Filipino house boy; General Bell and the Chinese laundry man. They were all thinking — each his own thought and each in his own way. Many said, "Of all services in my memory that was the most unique. When, where or how could it be reproduced?"

— *Condensed from article by Rev. Geo. W. Wright, in The Philippine Presbyterian.*

It would be impossible to describe Efulen. It is in a class all by itself, with its wonderful hills all about it on every side. As day begins to break, for about half an hour it seems as if every bird in all that vast forest begins to sing to welcome the new day, and all about, the blue mist begins to rise from the hills and the white trunks of the trees begin to glisten in the light of the new day, and all nature seems to be in such perfect harmony that it is hard to think of so many, many people in such loveliness living such lives of darkness. But I come to realize more and more that these people are like people everywhere, only their weaknesses are in a cruder form, and the Gospel is their only salvation.

Verna Eick.

NEWS FROM THE FRONT

INDIA

Miss E. A. Foster, Superintendent of Nurses at Kolhapur, writes on April 30th: This is the hot season. Dr. MacArthur went two weeks ago to the hills and I am looking after dispensary, hospital and all the folks and workers, so you see I have no time to feel the heat. Our dispensary work begins at seven A.M. Quite a number of people are waiting, the doors are opened, then we workers meet for prayer in the hospital. Afterward the Biblewoman talks with the people who have come, telling them the Gospel message. Some are ready to listen, others are heedless and careless, others at times try to argue, but as a whole the people listen pretty well. She sells Gospels and story books, books with good morals and which teach of the Saviour's love, to those who wish to purchase. Tracts are given to those who can read, and in this way many hear of Jesus. One high-caste man said to the doctor: "You can almost persuade me to believe on your Christ." She said, "Do not stop at almost, go on reading His word till you find Him."

One evening when the Biblewoman and I were out in a village giving the Gospel, a woman sitting in the midst handed me a baby to see. It was covered with small-pox. I examined it partly to please the heart-broken mother, who had lost three other children. I said, "Come, and I will tell the doctor what is the matter with your baby, perhaps she can yet save its eyesight." Its eyes were almost gone. The doctor did save the eyes and now the child is well. That and other homes, whose doors were shut against our workers, are always glad to welcome them, and that little pockmarked child is taught to come to us by its mother, who appreciates what has been done for her child. She says: "I trust in the Christians' Jesus, I do not worship idols any more."

SOUTH AMERICA

Rev. G. L. Bickerstaph writes: Boxes and parcels for friends in Brazil should go as baggage and be "personally conducted" by some responsible party. Freight is kept in the Custom House for indefinite periods, subject to storage and other charges, even though the owner or his agents may be on the spot working with might and main to get it out. Parcels, with the exception of printed matter, are held up in the capital and are only delivered to the owner or to some one holding his power of attorney. A power of attorney costs several dollars and is valid for but one transaction (the release of parcel No. —), and a journey to the Capital is generally out of the question, so that practically this regulation amounts to confiscation of all parcels meant for the interior.

JAPAN

Mrs. J. C. Worley writes from Matsuyama: We have been rushing the country work, trying to get as much done as possible before the rainy season begins. We have just returned from an interior trip when we took out moving pictures of the Life of Christ. Did you ever run a moving picture machine and fight mosquitoes and fleas at the same time? No, of course you would never let yourself be caught in such a trap! Such crowds of people! The houses were packed every night. Four thousand heard the message. They could not understand why it was free, the only charge being half a cent to have their shoes checked. They said "everything else that had been in the theatre they had to pay for, and it tended to pull them down, but this was free and lifted them up and made them better. It seemed we had purified the theatre." We have promised to take the pictures back again in the autumn when the mosquitoes and fleas are dead. We never got away from a meeting before twelve, and spent most of the rest of the night chasing fleas. You may think such an exordium not necessary, but I can see and feel them yet, and I continue to look as though I had been in a pin fight!

GOING TO THE DENTIST IN SIAM

Miss Edith Buck says:—I came eleven days' journey to have a little dental work done! The first stage, to Lampoon, by motor bus; thence to Prae (a little over a hundred miles) on a pony; motor 'bus to the railroad station, twenty-five or thirty miles distant; rail to Pitsanuloke, where I spent the night (trains do not travel at night here); thence to Bangkok, where I spent another night; thence to Petchaburi, where a pony was awaiting me and a twelve-mile ride here. At Petchaburi Dr. and Mrs. McDaniels treated me to ice-cream and an apple, the first of either I had had for over three years.

This place—consisting of but two dwellings—is on a splendid beach on the Gulf of Siam and we have delightful times in the water, though I haven't learned yet not to be afraid. I have had a lovely week's rest with most pleasant companions. Dr. McFarland has done what he could of my dental work here, the rest will have to wait till he goes to Bangkok. I hope to get through there in time to start back next Friday and reach Chieng Mai the following Friday.

If you want to do something for our school send us a box of scraps of goods. We can make good use of drummers' samples, remnants, both woolen and cotton (even a yard can be made into a little jacket), thread, numbers 40 to 60, chiefly white; thimbles, the smallest sizes; our girls have very slender fingers; needles. 7's, 8's and 9's, chiefly 8's, and any other things you happen to thing of that a school can use; embroidery floss, crochet needles and stamped patterns will all be useful, and lead pencils. The children are always pleased with pretty pictures too.

With Presbyterian Young People

ITEMS OF WESTMINSTER

The guests of honor at the annual social of the Charleroi Chapter are the mothers of the members. Their daughters would thus fittingly acknowledge their mothers' part in arranging for the social hour at the meetings during the year.

Filling almost a column of the local newspaper is the description of a very charming entertainment given to the two Chapters of Monongahela by one of their patronesses, among the delightful features being two selections rendered by the Guild chorus. To the next meeting of the Senior Chapter, a musicale, each member is privileged to bring a girl friend.

From Erie, Pa.: "One plan we are trying with great success: Each Chapter sends a letter or card of greeting to each new Chapter and Circle as it is formed. More than one leader testifies to the impetus given by these notes, which came just when the girls were feeling strange and uncertain as to their Chapters' future." The W. G. Secretary writes: "We give to the Chapters and Circles three watchwords: "study, friendship, service," and we tell the girls that the Guild stands for the highest ideal of friendship, no less than for study and outside service. My experience in our own Chapter here has led me to believe that the girls will respond to a very high ideal of friendship. I have never seen finer loyalty within any organization than our Chapter girls show. Another thing that I emphasize with all leaders is the necessity of introducing the element of beauty into the Guild services and customs. The service of initiation which our own Chapter worked out is full of beauty. The girls give it entirely from memory, and it is more than a half-hour long."

To gain late news from various fields, a "contest" was arranged to decide "where $100,000 could be best spent in missions." Six societies took part, and the talks were all most excellent. The judges found it difficult to decide, but it was agreed that China, through Mrs. Esther Gauss of Greeley, had made the strongest plea. Mrs. Gauss spoke without notes. The decision was announced by placing a little child on the platform, who held aloft the striking new flag of China. Never could a programme be called "Uninteresting" where such work was put into it as was into this delightful hour.—*Colorado News Letter.*

A GOOD IDEA

The contents of the Exchange Bureau consist of dramatic material (from the simplest monologues to missionary plays as thoroughgoing as have yet been written), of programmes for special occasions, of music for missionary purposes, designs or suggestions for charts; plans for missionary socials; directions for making costumes, and in fact of all other similar material which can be obtained from experienced leaders or from other Boards, and can be easily catalogued. Much of the contents is necessarily in the form of clippings or of typewritten sheets. In many cases but one or at most two copies of a kind are available and therefore the Bureau plans to loan rather than permanently to sell or give its wares.

This is the way it works. The morning mail of the Junior Department contains, let us suppose, requests for help in planning a Japanese social, for suggestions for a musical missionary entertainment such as a children's band might give, for advice on the subject of some brief "special feature" suitable for a part of an auxiliary programme on *China's New Day*, and for a missionary play to be given by a young woman's society at a mid-week service. The Junior Secretary . . . selects from the "mine" half a dozen possibilities, puts them in an envelope with a slip of explanation, and then proceeds to follow the same course of action with the second letter. The "slip of explanation" states that the contents of the envelope are loaned for a period not to exceed one week and are to be returned intact; that if the borrower wishes to buy copies of any of the sample plays submitted they must be ordered direct from the Boards whose imprint is upon them; and that a charge of two cents plus postage is made to cover the running expenses of the Bureau. *All* workers are free to make use of this Bureau, and all are urged to contribute what they can toward increasing its contents.

Condensed from *Life and Light.*

The organizers of one of the Livingstone centenary meetings held in London during March, with delightful unconsciousness announced one of the speakers as "A constant companion and real sympathizer with the cannibal."—*The Spirit of Missions.*

HOME DEPARTMENT

UNITED STUDY OF MISSIONS:

The King's Business: Chapter II: Campaigning for the King.

Read the suggested Scripture lesson, I Cor. xii: 4-31, in unison; briefly indicate its points of illumination of the relation of the parts to the whole.

Prayer, especially for those working at home; for the officers and members, for light on the difficulties and problems of your own auxiliary.

Answer the question What is a Mission Board? Mention some of its varied and complex duties.

What is the use of having Women's Boards? Are they merely money-raising agencies, as claimed by some? Let one speaker answer these questions, giving some of the functions of the Women's Boards as stated on p. 74.

State the relation of the Presbyterian Women's Boards to the Assembly's Board; to the local auxiliary; to the missionary.

To which of the Women's Boards is your society auxiliary? What territory is represented? How is the Board organized?

Name the President and some of the principal officers; state how they are elected and define their duties. (Use Report.)

Give briefly points of difference between Presbyterian administration and that of other churches, with critical comparison.

Mention five reasons why church members should support their own organized work, as administered by their Board.

Independent missions, their advantages and disadvantages. Where should they look for support?

What percentage of receipts of your own Board goes to administrative expenses?

ONE YEAR'S STEWARDSHIP

The combined report of our six Women's Boards and the companion volume to *The King's Business*, with the above title, with maps and illustrations, will be for sale at all the Headquarters on October first, at the price of twenty-five cents.

Miss Ellen C. Parsons has achieved a signal success in presenting in one little volume the King's *business* as it has been carried on by these Boards in this country during the year 1912-13 and during the same year in *service* on the foreign field. It will be to all a practical commentary on the new study-book and the thoughtful student will discover a hidden unifying purpose—a symphonic theme, as it were—running through the score as one and another trumpet is sounded which should inspirit missionary and home worker to fresh faith and enthusiasm. Vague thoughts or theories of missions should crystallize into clear vision of what is and might be and of our individual part in this interrelated world-encircling harmony of the Gospel evangel.

This is not too much to say of the book, and of Miss Parsons's part in it we cannot say enough. Future notices will give more detailed announcement.

THE DEVOTIONAL IN OUR MEETINGS

DOES THE PRACTICAL CROWD IT OUT?

The ability of the twentieth century woman to plan, to counsel, even to command, is unquestioned. She has won her way step by step, through patience and merit to high positions in every department of life, and no one questions her right or her preparedness. Eagerness for tangible achievement is everywhere evident, even in our rural communities, and one sometimes wonders whether, in the haste to attain unto what seems the world's accepted way of living, there is not lost a delightful, delicate something which gives individual simplicity and charm. In our schools and colleges we are apt to find one general type, a sort of composite girl, whose general bearing, dress, and attitude of mind is typical of the whole. A non-conformist, if perchance she may be found, is refreshing to the eye and to the mind.

Intellectual and administrative women are found not alone in the social or business world, but in the church, where their abilities are employed in the

many departments of church life open to them and dependent upon them. It is well that this is so, but is there not a danger in this very executive ability?

Do we find in equal ratio the women whose spiritual lives are so rich they are as guiding lights?

Are we not sometimes in these later days forgetful of the words of the prophet Isaiah, "In quietness and confidence shall be your strength?"

"And the work of righteousness shall be peace; and the effect of righteousness, quietness and assurance forever."

Can we read the poems that lift us spiritually as if on eagle's wings, and not feel the need of times of mental retirement for the peace and strength that is surely given to all those who heed the soul's call? Can one open the pages of the Quaker poet, whose life and pen were surely guided by that Inner Light, and not feel rays from that same Light softly shining in the heart?

"Who fathoms the Eternal Thought?
Who talks of scheme and plan?
The Lord is God! He needeth not
The poor device of man.

"I know not what the future hath
Of marvel or surprise,
Assured alone that life and death
His mercy underlies.

"No offering of my own I have
Nor works of faith to prove,
I can but give the gifts He gave,
And plead His love for love."

Read the life and the poems of Wordsworth, and feel as he felt what the *silences* of Nature had to tell him of his own heart and of God. "In the mountains did he *feel* his faith." In those early Cambridge days

"To every natural form, rocks, fruits or flower,
Even the loose stones that cover the highway
I gave a moral life: I saw them feel,
Or linked them to some feeling; the great mass
Lay bedded in a quickening soul.

"Unknown, unthought of, yet I was most rich;
I had a world about me—'twas my own;
I made it, for it only lived to me
And to the God who sees into the heart."

Later came these lines showing his belief in the efficacy of prayer:

"A stream which from the fountain of the heart
Issuing however feebly, nowhere flows
Without access of unexpected strength."

In our monthly missionary meetings let us lengthen the moments given to prayer and praise. The Bible must be the open Book to which we come as eagerly and as reverently as do our Korean sisters.

Bishop Brooks has told us in his beautiful address on "Biography" that "the great book of the world is the story of a life—not a book of dogmas, not a book of laws, but the Book in which His life shines orbed and distinct, is the world's greatest treasure."

And the old hymns of the Church! Do not allow them to be forgotten! Sing them at each meeting, and not one but many stanzas! Be prepared with brief sketches setting forth something of the history of the hymns selected and call attention to their Scriptural allusions. *Bertha Provine.*

Taylorville, Ill.

SUMMER SCHOOLS

The Summer School has evidently come not only to stay but to grow. Every year this source of culture and pleasure springs up in a new place, and the steadily increasing attendance shows that the opportunities are appreciated. Although October is more a date for looking ahead to winter plans than for recapitulating what happened during the summer, we must make room for just a glance at the many accounts which could not be used in the September number.

Colorado.—The seventh session of the Summer School was held at Boulder, and came to a successful close July 12. More than six hundred students were enrolled, and the interest was sustained throughout the entire session. Members of the Methodist, Baptist, Friends, United Presbyterian, Christian, Lutheran, Congregational and Presbyterian Boards were represented. Mrs. Maud W. Raymond gave the lectures on the book of which she is the author, *The King's Business.* Others among the Conference and study class leaders were: Mrs. Silverthorn, Denver, normal class on *The King's Business;* Mrs. William C. Robinson, Colorado Springs, study class on *The New America;* Miss Ina E. Shaw, Topeka, and Mrs. E. P. Costigan, Denver, whose story hour grows more popular each year.

Ohio.—A new feature this year was the

Synodical School held at Wooster, O., Aug. 9-14. The fine grounds and buildings of the University made ideal surroundings. A special source of inspiration was the ten-minute prayer service held each morning by small groups just before the hour for Bible study. Classes in the text-books were conducted by Miss Cameron and Mrs. Potter, and Dr. Headland's two addresses on "The Chinese Woman" and "America's Part in the Making of the Chinese Republic" aroused the deepest interest.

Iowa.—The Second Annual Conference for Presbyterian Young People was held at Storm Lake, August 7-14. The delegates enrolled were 153. The Board of the Northwest was represented by the Young People's Secretary, and there were six Y. P. presbyterial secretaries from Iowa. Several of the delegates spoke of the influence the Conference had upon them, that they had determined to be more devoted in the future, and two young ladies offered themselves as volunteers for the foreign field.

At the International Christian Endeavor Convention held in Los Angeles, Cal., July 9-14, many inspiring missionary addresses were given and conferences held. No delegates were welcomed more heartily than the Japanese, the Japanese Field Secretary, Mr. Sagawa, making an appeal for unity between the nations in the heartiest way. Dr. Shaw said, "When the Missionary Committee works it helps a company of black people far off in the heart of Africa, a group on the sun-baked plains of India, boys and girls in the slums of New York. 'As ye have done it unto these, ye have ministered unto me.'" Dr. Lehman in the Presbyterian Rally made a fine appeal for loyalty to our Board's work, showing how deeply we are responsible for certain fields, which denominational comity has reserved for us. Stanley Hunter told of the forty-five thousand C. E.'s in India and of the Leper Home and the sixteen leper C. E. Societies in the neighborhood. He spoke also of the four thousand Hindus in California who can so influence their own countrymen when they return to India.

THE CONFERENCE AT ABERDEEN

The Sixth Conference of the International Missionary Union held its meetings in the United Free Church College at Aberdeen. There were three sessions; Mrs. Nicol of Aberdeen, President of the Conference, presided on Thursday morning; Mrs. D. J. Burrell of New York on Friday morning and Mrs. Bell of London on Friday afternoon. The devotional service on Thursday was led by Mrs. Stalker, on Friday by Mrs. Watson. The address of welcome was given by Mrs. Geo. Adam Smith.

Greetings were given by the delegates and those societies unrepresented had sent their greetings in writing. The question, "What challenge is before your society?" was answered in these greetings and it was most interesting to hear a certain similarity in the answers, as though missionary problems were much the same in all parts of the world. The lack of home workers, of leaders, of missionary candidates, and the problem "ever with us" of the "uninterested woman."

The last was the subject of Mrs. Wallace Radcliffe's fine paper in which she described the Woman's Jubilee as one of the solutions.

The missionaries present gave their challenge and told how it was being met. They were Miss Christie, British Central Africa; Miss Maclagan, Amoy, South China; Miss Clark, India; Miss Allan, London Mission Among the Jews; Miss Macintosh, Australia, on Mapoon Aborigines.

The Question Box, conducted by the writer, had to run over time and even then the questions were not all answered.

On Friday, a beautiful luncheon was given by the Aberdeen Ladies' Committee. Appreciation should be given to the members of this Committee and also to Miss Mathews, the Secretary of the Union. Miss Mathews is the central link of the chain which binds together this international organization.

The next meeting will be in Pittsburgh, in 1917. *Alice M. Davison.*

SECRETARIES OF LITERATURE

The earlier you make your canvass and send in your subscription list the easier it will be for you and for us, because mistakes can hardly be avoided when you are rushed with Christmas shopping and we are caring for two or three hundred more subscriptions a day than usual. We realize more than you do, perhaps, that the circulation of Woman's Work is dependent on your unflagging interest and perseverance and we are only too glad to supply you with sample copies, the poster, circulars, subscription blanks, and any information you may need to help you in this work. Address communications to Room 504, 156 Fifth Ave., N. Y. City.

NOTES FROM HEADQUARTERS

From Philadelphia

Send all letters to 501 Witherspoon Building. Directors' meeting first Tuesday of each month at 10:30. Prayer-meeting, third Tuesday at 11. Visitors welcome at both meetings.

Prayer Meeting Oct. 21st. Topics: *Our Publications, The Philippines.*

Our Emergency Fund has more than justified its existence in the few years since it was started. Beside enabling us to come into closer touch with our furloughed as well as our new missionaries, by paying their traveling expenses from their homes to Philadelphia, it has afforded relief in many times of crisis. One missionary, rescued from the ill-fated *Titanic,* was helped to replace clothing

and other articles lost at that time. Another was given the amount necessary to pay for a special nurse in a critical illness. Another was helped in the expenses of an operation. Others have been given a few weeks in a convalescent home or helped through a period of breakdown.

Comparatively few of our auxiliaries have contributed to the Emergency Fund, but if every auxiliary would contribute annually at least one dollar to this fund, the joy and relief we would be able to give to our missionaries would be by so much increased.

Miss Ransom, of Tondabayashi, Japan, writes: "A friend recently sent me some dolls to use in my kindergarten class and I am using them most effectively. An American doll is a marvel in this little place, and the children are delighted to be allowed to hold one for even a few moments. A new class of twenty-five children was opened through interest created by the dolls."

Our official representatives at the summer conferences were: Finishing School Conference; Eaglesmere, and Student Conference, Silver Bay, Mrs. Dwight Potter; Northfield Presbyterian Camp, Miss Mary Kerr; Eaglesmere College Conference, Miss Mary Peacock; Silver Bay Missionary Educational Conference, Miss Harriette K. Halloway; Pocono Pines Conference, Mrs. John Henry Lee.

The twenty-seventh annual meeting of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Synod of Baltimore will be held in Baltimore, October 28th and 29th, in the First Presbyterian Church, Park Avenue and Madison Street.

Foreign Missionary Programmes, Series 2, are now ready, and will be invaluable to leaders. They have spaces for the names of officers and those taking part in the meetings and for places of meeting, a list of leaflets for each month and other valuable suggestions.

Leaflets for the Month: *Wonder Stories; Hainan and the Philippine Islands; Schools and Colleges in the Philippines; Short Story of a Long Bondage; Hospitals in the Philippines*, each 3 cts.; *75th Anniversary Series; Pedro Recto; The Philippine Challenge to the Church at Home*, each 2 cts.; *Missionary Work for Boys and Girls*, free.

New Leaflets: *The Chinese Woman Versus the American Woman, 2 cts.; A Report of the Philippine Mission*, 5 cts.

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From Chicago

Meetings at Room 48, 509 South Wabash Avenue, every Friday at 10 A. M. Visitors welcome.

Miss Grace Coulter and Miss Marquis represented the Board at the Lake Geneva Y. W. C. A. Conference the last of August. Miss Kunil, the Japanese student from Sapporo, who is taking two years at Huron College, was also there.

The number of acceptable missionary candidates is unusually large this year and our committee is kept busy with the correspondence. This calls for increased effort all along the line. We must send those who are fitted and willing and ready to go. It is God's call to us.

It is a great pleasure to think that Mrs. Robinson was well enough to accompany Prof. Robinson on his journey to the Holy Land. Mrs. Robinson will visit her mother in Egypt.

Mrs. Clarke, our office secretary, and her daughter have visited her husband's brothers and sisters in Mississippi and greatly enjoyed the Gulf breezes.

It was pleasant to greet again Mrs. Shumway after her European trip.

One of the best missionary talks heard this year was that given one midsummer Friday morning by Rev. David S. Tappan, Jr., of China. What he told of the growth of the Boys' School in Kachek, Hainan, and the quality of the students entering there, magnified the privilege of having any share in that station. Much more than half the cost of the school is paid by the Chinese. To show the kind of people who are placing their sons there, he told of one man who brought two boys "because they couldn't be separated." When the elder of the brothers died during school term, the father said, "Oh, I hate to take the news to the village. They all said, 'If you take him to the Christian school the devils will get him.'" But some months later he brought $50 to pay in advance the tuition of the younger son, saying that he had just sold a rice field and lest he might spend the money if he waited until it was due, would bring it now.

Summer brought fewer missionaries than usual to Room 48, but the Field Secretary was present several times. In April, May and June Mrs. Engstrom was in Iowa, Minnesota and North Dakota. In September she visits Mankato Presbyterial Society, in October she will be heard in synodical meetings and in November and December go on through Illinois, Indiana, North Dakota and Iowa. May many prayers attend her.

Leaflets: *The Philippine Challenge to the Church; The Philippine Mission*, each 2 cts.; *Wonder Stories; Missions in the Philippines and Hainan*, each 3 cts.

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From New York

Prayer-meeting at 156 Fifth Ave., cor. 20th St., the first Wednesday of each month, at 10.30 A. M. Each other Wednesday there is a half-hour meeting for prayer and reading of missionary letters, commencing at same hour.

On Wednesday, October 1st, we gather in our accustomed place, the Assembly Hall, 156 Fifth Avenue, for the opening meeting after the summer vacation, which has been for many of us a vacation from meetings only, as the work must go on without intermission. Our President, Mrs. Prentice, expects to preside.

The following cablegram, dated Shanghai, August 10th, is most reassuring: "Satisfactory news from Kuling. Absolutely no cause for anxiety or alarm."—(Signed) G. F. Fitch.

The Summer School of Women's Foreign

Missionary Societies was held at East Northfield, July 10-17, with over six hundred in attendance. The Board was represented by Miss Walker and Mrs. Waters. Would that all missionary workers, both in the women's societies and in those for the young women as well, might attend this interesting summer school, with its study classes, classes in methods and in Bible study, its lectures on the text-book for the year, its inspiring devotional meetings and its opportunity for meeting missionaries and missionary workers of all denominations.

It will be remembered that the Summer offering should be brought to the October meetings of our societies in order that it may reach New York before December 1st. There is a gain in promptness each year, and this year we trust there will be no belated gifts. The object of the offering is Dr. Goheen's hospital at Vengurle, India.

We mark, as a most encouraging sign, the awakening interest on the part of our young women's missionary societies, in our Mission Bands, Intermediates, and Juniors. During the past year more than one young woman's society became responsible for the oversight of the Band in its church, and now word reaches us of a Kentucky society which pays the running expenses of the Band, purchasing all necessary literature, etc. Should our young women's societies generally adopt such a course, how largely it would overcome one of the greatest hindrances to our children's work —the difficulty of securing efficient leaders for the little societies.

Our first contribution from a *Junior* mission study class has just been received and we hope will be followed by many others.

The excellent review of the new study book, *The King's Business,* in the August number of this magazine, should perhaps have emphasized the point that every leader in mission work should read it, even when no study class is planned. To the individual as well as to the group "the prayerful study of this book cannot fail to bring new wisdom and fresh impetus to more fruitful service in our women's societies."

Miss M. K. Van Duzee has safely accomplished the long journey from Urumia and is now at 26 William Street, Gouverneur.

Miss Kathrina Van Wagenen has passed her first year examinations in the Chinese language with very unusual credit.

Miss Jean James, who has been appointed Field Secretary for Mission Study, is about to start her work of holding Mission Study Campaigns and Normal Classes throughout the territory of the New York Board. Requests for Miss James's services may be made to the Board Mission Study Secretary, Mrs. Dwight H. Day, 156 Fifth Avenue, who will endeavor to arrange the schedule so that as many centers as possible may profit by this opportunity.

Leaflets: *The Philippines—A Doctor's Visit to Orion; The Philippine Challenge; The Philippine Mission,* each 2 cts.; *Wonder Stories; Schools and Colleges; Hospitals in the Philippines,* each 3 cts.

New Leaflets: *The Chinese Woman Versus the American Woman,* 2 cts.; *An Endless Chain* (by Florence E. Smith, Valparaiso, Chile), 3 cts.

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From San Francisco

920 Sacramento St. Meeting first Monday of every month at 10.30 and 1.30. Executive committee meetings first and third Monday. Prayer-service first and third Monday, from 12 till 12.30.

Missionaries present at our August meeting were Rev. George S. McCune and his wife, Helen McAfee McCune, sister of Dr. McAfee of Berkeley; on furlough after eight years of service at Syen Chyun, Korea, Dr. Caroline Merwin, who had come across the sea to bring her parents home from a visit to China and who will return speedily. These missionaries spoke joyfully of their work and of the progress that is being made. Rev. and Mrs. Arthur W. March and little daughter were with us also, to return to Central China.

Rev. and Mrs. M. B. Graham, who gave fourteen years of service at Bogota, Colombia, South America, were also present. Dr. Graham is now pastor of the Presbyterian Church in Ukiah, Cal., and they are spending their vacation in San Francisco.

News came from Rev. and Mrs. Glunz, of the Philippines, by letter. They were at Cebu, where Mr. Glunz superintends the five new buildings at that station. Letters also from Rev. Roderick Gillies, of Chieng Mai, North Siam, were read by Mrs. E. A. Sturge, the new Secretary. Mrs. Horsburgh is Secretary of station work in our own mission. Letter from Sadie Nourse Welbon, of Korea, was also read.

Presbytery honored the Occidental Board by conducting a very interesting ordination service, as a part of our afternoon meeting, which was given over to it. Mrs. A. A. Pratt, a recent graduate from our Seminary, goes to China as an ordained minister, and missionary. President Landon and Moderator Parker led the service.

An Italian delegate from the Waldensian Church in Italy gave an address upon the influence of the Waldensians. Numerous slides illustrated the narrative, revealing the churches in many cities. Later on the Occidental Board finished its session, with the usual exercises by the Chinese girls. These are always interesting to the strangers present, and many had found their way there, where they are always welcome. Many of our own *habitués* were away on their vacation.

Leaflets: *A Doctor's Visit to Orion,* 2 cts.; *Hospitals in the Philippines,* 2 cts.; *Missionary Work for Boys and Girls,* free; *Pedro Recto,* (Hero Series), 2 cts.; *Presbyterians in the Philippines,* 1 ct.; *Question Book,* 5 cts.; *Schools and Colleges in the Philippines,* 1 ct.; *The Philippine Challenge to the Church at Home,* 2 cts. Send orders to Miss Belle Garrette, 2503 Central Avenue, Alameda, Cal.

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From Portland, Oregon

Executive meeting at 10 A. M. on first Tuesday each month and popular meeting on third Tuesday at 2:30 P. M. in First Church. Literature obtained from Miss Abby S. Lamberson, 454 Alder St., Portland.

THE last popular meeting of our Board before vacation was preceded by a luncheon in honor of Dr. and Mrs. J. Hunter Wells, soon to return to Korea, who had endeared themselves to the many who came in contact with them during their months of furlough. When we assembled in the afternoon meeting Dr. Wells led the devotions, taking up the parable of the Good Samaritan and emphasizing the verse "And *went* to him and bound up his wounds." He remarked that this was the story of the first known hospital. He told us new stories of the work in our Caroline A. Ladd Hospital. Mrs. Wells followed, telling us additional items in her bright way.

WE were more than pleased to have Miss Van Vranken, of Laos Mission, with us during the "World's Christian Citizenship" meetings held in Portland the first week in July, and are glad to say that her health seemed restored. We feel that she has been greatly blessed in *our* work. While she was here the sudden word came of the call to higher service of Mrs. Beebe (Ruth Shewbridge). This is a great blow to her husband, to the Laos Mission, and to Central Washington Presbytery, whose missionary she was—and yet *is* before the Great Throne. This presbytery, through her, had become deeply interested in the Laos work and begged the Board to give them another substitute in that mission. Miss Van Vranken was the only Laos missionary available at the present time, so the Board decided to ask Seattle First Church to exchange Miss Van Vranken for Miss Louisa Lee of Seattle, newly appointed to Allahabad, India. This was much to ask of this society, for they did not want to part with a missionary whom they loved and felt to be "exceptionally attractive and capable." But because they felt a sympathy for Central Washington Presbytery and because the Board made the request and because they were glad to have Miss Lee, who is a Seattle girl, they consented.

THE ladies of Seattle First Church are happy to take Miss Lee for several reasons. She is a splendid, *cheery*, Christian girl, the granddaughter of their Mrs. Lee, who is so active in the society, and a blessing and benediction to them all. Miss Lee passed through Portland in August on her way to San Francisco, and the Board officers had opportunity to meet her at luncheon, and to hear how she was led to give her life to missions by unconsciously imbibing early parental influence. We were sorry not to have a stop-over visit from Miss Elizabeth Sanders on her way to Korea as a nurse.

MISS SARAH MCROBBIE passes through Portland in a day or two on her way from Seattle, and we want to tell about her and the step forward taken by the women of First Church, Seattle, in our notes for November. Miss McRobbie goes as a nurse to Allahabad, India. All three of these young missionaries sail from San Francisco on the *S. S. Siberia*. August 26th, Miss Sanders stopping at Korea, the two others going together to the same station.

NEW LITERATURE: *Creed for Missionary Societies*, 10 cts. per doz.; *The King's Business*, 30 cts., postage 5 cts.; *Mexico To-Day*, 35 cts., postage 5 cts.

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By totals from Presbyterial Societies.

The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church

CARLISLE,	$909.03	ST. CLAIRSVILLE,	$681.40
DAYTON,	344.15	WASHINGTON (PA.),	56.50
ERIE,	1,057.78	WASHINGTON CITY,	490.50
MAHONING,	5.00	WOOSTER,	306.35
NEW HOPE,	23.85	Miscellaneous,	1,131.17
PITTSBURGH,	5.00		

Receipts from July 15th to August 15th,
Regular, $3,881.02
New China Fund, $1,129.71 $5,010.73
Total receipts since March 15th:
Regular, $35,434.22
New China Fund, 8,720.94 44,155.16

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Woman's Presbyterian Board of Missions of the Northwest

ADAMS,	$12.00	IOWA,	$5.00	RUSHVILLE,	$56.00	WINNEBAGO,	$6.00
BUTTE,	36.00	IOWA CITY,	39.50	SAGINAW,	110.62	YELLOWSTONE,	16.00
CAIRO,	37.00	KALISPELL,	10.50	SIOUX FALLS,	80.00	Miscellaneous,	657.78
CHICAGO,	1,201.80	MADISON,	60.35	WATERLOO,	85.00		
CHIPPEWA,	57.30	MANKATO,	26.85				
DES MOINES,	83.40	NEBRASKA CITY,	6.00				
DETROIT,	88.00	OAKES,	58.25				
FT. DODGE,	106.00	OMAHA,	151.00				
FREEPORT,	113.00	OTTAWA,	207.00				
HASTINGS,	43.10	PEORIA,	20.00				

Total for month, $3,373.45
Total from March 15th, 38,231.28
(Including China Propaganda, $6.264.85),

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Women's Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church

BINGHAMTON,	$84.00	ROCHESTER,	$243.00
BOSTON,	70.00	ST. LAWRENCE,	166.00
BROOKLYN,	244.00	SYRACUSE,	5.00
COLUMBIA,	1.00	TROY,	261.00
EBENEZER,	162.00	UTICA,	507.93
LOUISVILLE,	50.00	WESTCHESTER,	342.50
MORRIS & ORANGE,	452.00	Miscellaneous,	175.00
NEW YORK,	73.30		

Receipts from July 15th to August 15th,
Regular, $2,620.73
New China Fund, 216.00 $2,836.73
Total since March 15th,
Regular, $77.233.89
New China Fund, 7,626.23 $84.860.12

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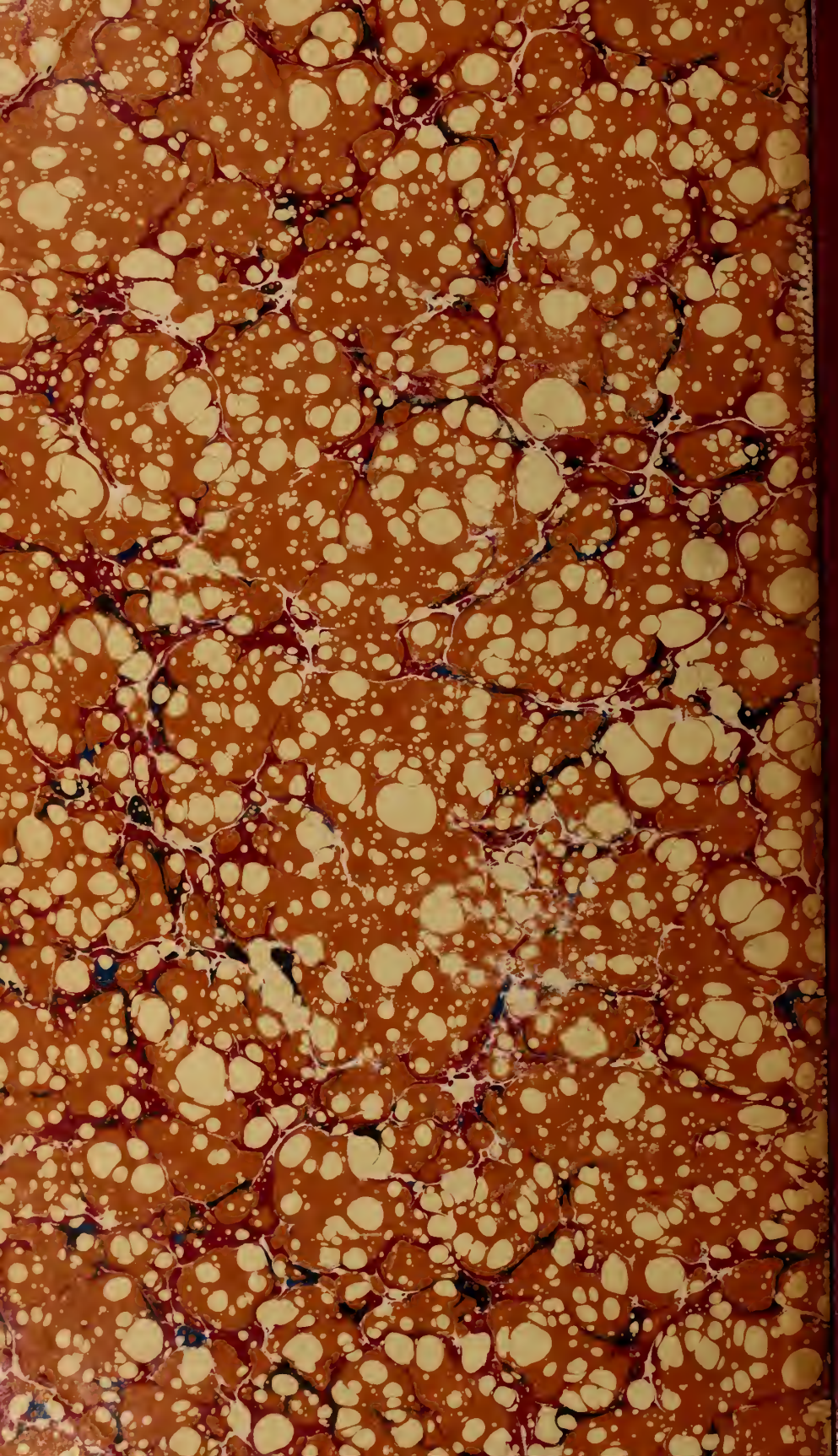
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